plosives show that LPG accidents are 'generally caused due to ignition of escaped LPG mostly resulting from negligence or mishandling at the customer's premises of equipment like rubber hose, stove knob, pressure regulator etc. The oil marketing companies are procuring only ISI certified LPG cylinders, valves and regulators, while distributors are under instructions to release a new connection only on ensuring that the consumer has an ISI certified stove. All such ISI certified equipment has in-built safety characteristics.

Oil drilling at Thevur

*94. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY;

Will [+]he Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the oil drilling at Thevur off Nagapattinam has commenced; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of other spots, where oil drilling has been going on in the past in Tamil Nadu;

(c) the details of the outcome of each such drilling and also the amount spent for each drilling; and

(d) the number of such oil wells which are expected to be drilled in the Cauvery belt in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The well Thevur-1 was spudded on 20-3-86 and has reached a depth of 140i mts on 17-4-86, against a target depth of 3500 mts.

(b) 23 wells have been drilled so far at 14 different places in onshore Cauvery Basin.

(c) Oil/gas was discovered at Karaikal, Kovilkallapal and Narimanam besides minor hydrocarbon indications at Madnam and Tiravarur. The cost of completed wells where accounts have been finalised ranges from Rs. ll iakhs to Rs. 218 lakhs.

(d) During 1986-87, it ig proposed to drill 5 weils onland and 2 wells offshore in Cauvery Basin.

•95. *[Transferred to the 6th May, 1986]*

Telephone exchange at Pasighat

*&6. SHRIMATl OMEM MOYONG DEORI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be Pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under their consideration to expand the existing telephone exchange at Pasighat in Arunachal Pradesh and to commission a microwave exchange there; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) There is a proposal to install a 200-lines medium type automatic exchange in place of existing IOO lines MAX-III type exchange at Pasighat. There is no proposal to install a microwave exchange.

Report of the Arjun Sengupta Committee on public sector enterprises

♦97. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) when the report of the Arjun Sengupta Committee on the state of health of the public sector enterprises containing suggestions for their remedial measures was received hy Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that in a press interview he announced that the Sengupta Committee report would